

Ask the Chief of the Anna Police: A weekly column allowing readers access to useful information about law enforcement issues in the Anna area.

This column is the personal opinion of Kenny Jenks and is based on his 29+ years of policing experience. It is not necessarily the official opinion of the City of Anna or the Anna Police Department. If you wish to Email, include your name and address in the correspondence. Your information will be edited before sending it to print.

Hello Readers,

I receive between 75-100 Emails each week from persons who would like to converse about the activities of the police in Anna and surrounding areas. I can't respond to or print all of them, but I do read them!

Keith in Oak Hollow sent the following question about bicycle operation on FM455: *We are a family on a tight budget; a one-car family. I'm also a very strong green advocate. I am hoping to find a small part-time job here in town this fall and would like to be able to get where I need to go on a bicycle or electric-assist bike. Are bicycles allowed on West White Street from CR 367 to Willow Creek Drive? Also, is there anything you can tell me about how we can better accommodate pedestrians along West White Street? I appreciate any advice and information you can give me. Thank you! PS: The new station looks great! Hope you and your people are getting settled in well!*

Sorry Keith, the City Council passed an ordinance in 2006 making it unlawful for any person to ride/operate a bicycle on FM455, between Hwy 5 (Powell Pkwy) and the west City Limits @ East Fork Creek (way out to the west about 5-6 miles). You can walk your bicycle next to the roadway between Ferguson Pkwy and Willow Creek, but the ordinance prohibits it being on the pavement.

West White Street (FM 455) is a TxDOT controlled highway and there is not much the City can do to improve the area for pedestrian traffic. But, the City has been working with the County and TxDOT to improve FM 455 and plans are in place for it to be completely reconstructed (scheduled to begin in 2012). Then White Street will be a major boulevard with sidewalks and multiple traffic lanes and turn lanes. I suspect that the moratorium on bicycles on FM 455 will be obsolete when that road becomes safer.

Thank you for the Email!

Reminder: Outdoor Storm Sirens Tested (weather permitting)
First Wednesday of the month @ 12 noon.

***Phone numbers: Dial 911 in an emergency.** To have a police officer sent to you in a non-emergency, call 972-547-5350. During normal business hours, the APD number is 972-924-2848.

If you have a question or comment, please email: kjenks@annatexas.gov